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Attorney Docket No. 53394.000491

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:)
Joseph B. VERGONA)
Serial No.: 09/978,577) Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: October 18, 2001.) Examiner: Unassigned

For: ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING DOUBLE VERTICAL CUFF ASSEMBLY

**REQUEST FOR PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND
RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS**

Attention: Box Missing Parts
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

REQUEST FOR PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant respectfully petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents for a one-month extension of time up to and including January 15, 2001, to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed November 15, 2001 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. A check for payment of the extension fee is submitted herewith.

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL
APPLICATION**

Responsive to the attached U.S. Patent and Trademark Office "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" mailed November 15, 2001, Applicant submits herewith an executed Declaration for filing in the cited patent application,

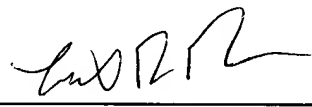
Assignment and Assignment Recordation Sheet, along with the required fees for late

filing of the Declaration and Assignment recordation. Applicants also submit herewith five (3) sheets of Acceptable Drawings in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.84 for the aforementioned patent application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that a filing date of October 18, 2001, be granted to this application.

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Submitted herewith is a check totaling \$280.00 (\$130.00 to cover the surcharge for late filing of the Declaration; \$110.00 to cover the fee for the one-month Extension of Time, and \$40.00 to cover Assignment recordation). In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the PTO charges, please charge or credit any difference to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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